

Transportation Planning at DRCOG

Presentation to Transportation Legislation
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Who is DRCOG?

- ◆ 9 Counties and 48 Municipalities
- ◆ 3 Governor's Appointees (CDOT)
- ◆ 1 RTD Representative
- ◆ Brings all parties together to establish priorities
- ◆ Ensures best value for taxpayer dollars



Who is DRCOG?

- ◆ **Regional Planning Commission (RPC)**
 - ◆ Organized under state statute, prepares plan for physical development of the region (Metro Vision)
- ◆ **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**
 - ◆ Federally mandated and funded transportation policy-making organization
- ◆ **Area Agency on Aging (AAA)**
 - ◆ Established under federal law to respond to the needs of Americans age 60 and over



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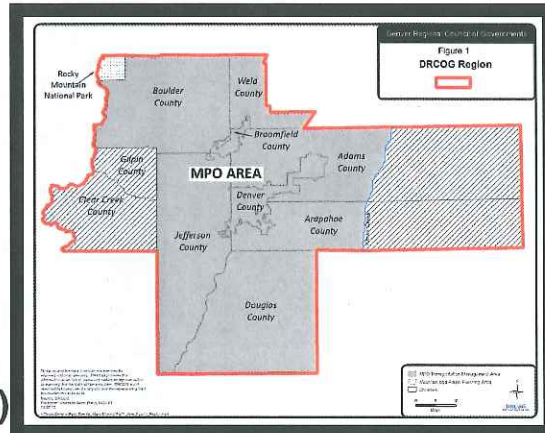
- ◆ **3rd oldest COG in the nation**
- ◆ **Frequent accolades from peers and others**
 - ◆ Jacobs Engineering: DRCOG 1 of 8 exemplary RTPs
 - ◆ Praise from FHWA in publications/certifications
 - ◆ Houston designing model after DRCOG's
 - ◆ Phoenix looks to Chicago, DRCOG and Salt Lake as examples of forward-leaning and visionary
- ◆ **Recurring success**
 - ◆ Advocacy: legislation and funding
 - ◆ Grants
 - ◆ Recognition for programs/tools



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Collaborative

- ◆ Local governments
- ◆ MPO
- ◆ CDOT
- ◆ RTD
- ◆ Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)



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Integrative Nature of Planning/ Metro Vision

- ◆ 25-year strategy to maintain a highly desirable quality of life
- ◆ Acknowledges physical environment and changing community/values and conditions
- ◆ Establishes a growth plan (jobs, housing, transportation, and population)
- ◆ Capitalizes on past investments
- ◆ Protects/conserves the natural environment
- ◆ Supports economic prosperity

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Challenges: Demographics

The region's
population will
increase by
~50% in 2040



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Challenges:

- ◆ ¼ of population will be over 60
- ◆ Desire vs. ability to age in place
 - ◆ Costs and barriers
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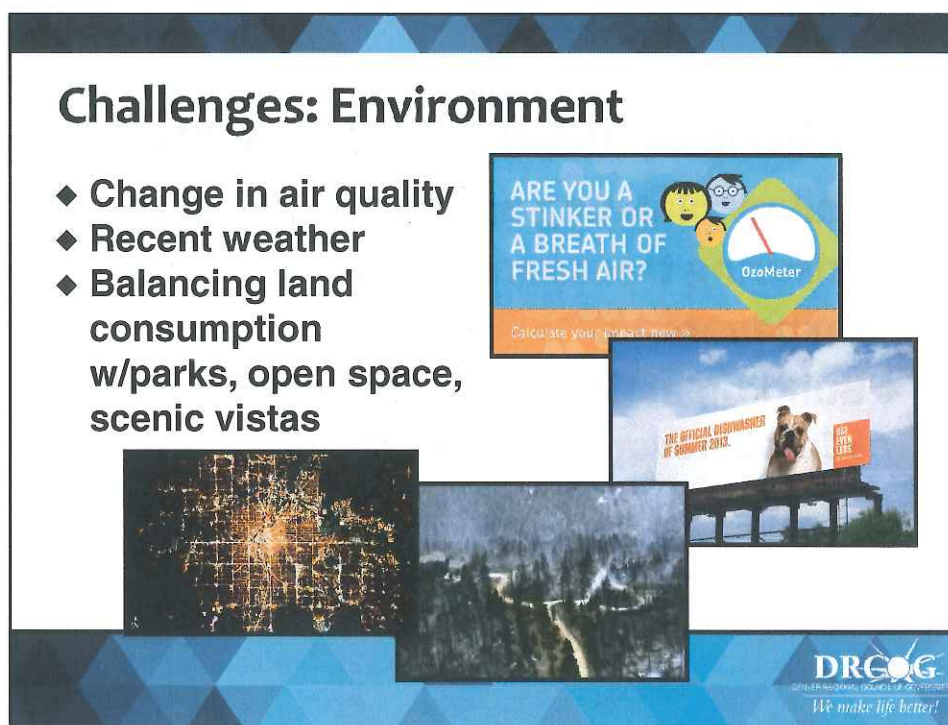
Challenges: The Transportation/ Land Use Connection

- ◆ Urban centers
- ◆ Infill and redevelopment
- ◆ Community design



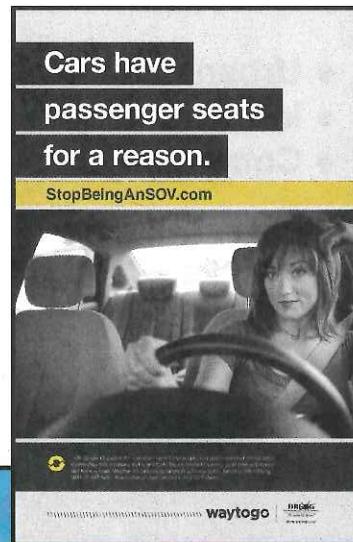
Challenges: Environment

- ◆ Change in air quality
- ◆ Recent weather
- ◆ Balancing land consumption w/parks, open space, scenic vistas



Challenges:

- ◆ Decrease GHG 60%
- ◆ Reduce VMT 10% per capita
- ◆ Shrink SOV use to 65%
- ◆ Guide new jobs and homes into urban centers (75% and 50% respectively)



Challenges: Insufficient Revenues

- ◆ Follow planning and funding processes ensuring transparency and value for taxpayers
- ◆ Build on actions having served us well
 - ◆ Collaboration and cooperation
 - ◆ Planning partners, local governments must be at the table
 - ◆ Business and industry, non-profits, foundations